

FULL STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF BEATTIE'S DIRECT EXAMINATION

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Relations between you and your wife up to the time of her death?

Never a Cross Word.

A. I never spoke a cross word to my wife in my life, or she to myself. As far as our relations were concerned, she and I both always were of a most affectionate nature, and I don't see how anybody could have been any happier than we were.

Q. You never spoke a cross word to her in your life, and she never spoke one to you?

A. No, sir, and can't any one say so, either.

Q. You challenge contradiction on that point, do you?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was there any reason for her to be unhappy, that you know of?

A. Not a thing in the world that I know of.

Q. Did she know, when you married her, of your former relations with Beulah Binford?

A. Yes, sir, everybody in town knew it.

Q. Everybody might have known it except the ladies. Did you tell your wife about it?

A. I told her everything.

Q. You made a clean breast of it?

A. Yes, sir.

Did Not Know All.

Q. And you say you knew of nothing to make her unhappy. Did she know of your visit to Norfolk and your resumption of your relations with Beulah Binford?

A. She knew I had been to Norfolk, but she didn't know I had seen Beulah Binford.

Q. How long before you went to Norfolk did you know that Beulah Binford was there?

A. I knew she was there—I don't know about a week, I reckon.

Q. Was that the controlling motive of your going to Norfolk?

A. No, sir.

Q. Now you can state how you happened to go to Norfolk.

A. Well, I had been talking with my father about taking a little trip, that I was feeling bad, and Billy Sampson and myself decided that we would go down to the races. We had been talking about going, and after that some time—I don't know, it might have been a week after that—he said he had gotten a letter from Beulah and said she was in Norfolk.

Q. Now when you went to Norfolk, did you see her?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long were you with her?

A. Two days.

Q. You heard Billy Sampson's statement about that trip; is that true?

A. Yes, sir.

He Went to Norfolk.

Q. Did you automobile out to Piney Beach, or whatever it was, in response to your promise to help her, the letter that has been introduced in evidence here without a date?

A. Yes, sir.

Explains Its Meaning.

Q. Mr. Beattie, there is some rather extravagant language used in that letter. Please explain what you mean by that?

A. The COURT.—He may see the letter.

MR. SMITH.—I reckon he remembers it if Your Honor please; it is the only letter that has been introduced.

WITNESS.—There is one word in there that I would like to correct. I don't know whether it makes any difference.

THE COURT.—Do you want the letter, Mr. Beattie?

WITNESS.—I would like to see it. Letter beginning "Dear Kid" and signed "Hon." was handed to witness.

WITNESS.—That word "well" there, they have been reading "here" "will" "Will be good." It is "Will be good."

It is just as you would end a letter to a fellow or anybody else. "Well, be good." The "e" is not dotted.

BY MR. SMITH.—

Q. That is just a conclusion, is it, just a parting salutation?

A. Yes, sir, as you would put to a letter to a fellow or anybody else; that I would be good, and the copy at the coroner's inquest was, "Well, be good," too.

Q. They did not raise any objections then, did they?

MR. WENDEBURG.—We object to that, that we don't raise any question to the coroner's inquest.

THE COURT.—The question is what is the proper reading now; the letter speaks for itself. If it is "well" it is "well," if it is "will" it is "will."

WITNESS.—This is the first time I have seen the letter to read it; as I remembered.

The letter was shown to the jury.

Form of Parting.

Q. Is that a customary form of parting with you, "Well, be good"?

A. Yes, sir, and with lots of people. Every one knows that; when you leave a person, whether it is a fellow or a girl, or any one else, they say, "Well, be good."

Q. Now there is some right extravagant language in that letter; please state.

A. Well, no more than a little taffy, or gush.

JUDGE GREGORY.—Is not that for the jury to interpret?

THE COURT.—The language?

JUDGE GREGORY.—Yes, sir.

THE COURT.—The question is for the jury to interpret; it is for the jury to interpret; and then the jury will decide from his statement and all the evidence in the case what he meant.

BY MR. SMITH.—

Q. I want to ask you the point-blank question, Mr. Beattie, did you have any real love for that woman?

A. No, sir.

Q. Any real affection?

A. No, sir.

MR. WENDEBURG.—That is certainly leading—asking him what his feelings were.

BY MR. SMITH.—

Q. I will ask you that.

A. As I said, I could not love a woman that I could not respect or trust; don't anybody else, I don't reckon.

Q. Now, Mr. Beattie, you ran with her, didn't you?

A. I think not, especially if I had had them for anything of that kind.

Q. Did you have access to firearms in your house?

A. Yes, sir.

Denies Paul's Story.

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